

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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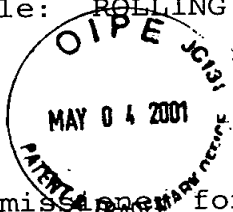
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Title: ROLLING BEARING



AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 7, 2000,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-4 as follows:

Subcs/
a) 1. (Amended) A rolling bearing in which at least one of
an inner ring, an outer ring and a rolling element is formed of
a steel material containing alloy ingredients each within a range
of C:0.8 to 1.20% by weight, Si:0.60% by weight or less, Mn:0.25%
by weight or less, Cr:1.00 to 1.50% by weight and Mo:0.60 to
1.50% by weight, then applied with hardening/tempering, the
amount of residual austenite over the entire cross section of the
one of the inner ring, the outer ring and the rolling element is
0% by volume and a surface hardness is HRC of 62 or more.

2. (Amended) A rolling bearing in which at least one of
an inner ring and an outer ring is formed of a steel material
containing alloy ingredients each within a range of C:0.8 to